



the hilt

COTTAGES & GARDENS

20 OUTSTANDING SUMMER WINES

"Refreshing and delightful libations for your summer entertaining" -August 2026



The Hilt 2023 Estate Chardonnay Joins the Cottage & Gardens List of 20 Outstanding Summer Wines!

"The Hilt 2023 Estate Chardonnay (\$50) has an eye-opening flavor with generous fruit notes (peach, nectarine, mango) along with hints of vanilla and a sea salt minerality. Located in the Sta. Rita Hills Valley AVA in Santa Barbara County, the Hilt Estate sits thirteen unobstructed miles from the ocean. The cold maritime climate with its whipping winds, especially in the northern facing vineyards, creates challenging conditions for the grape vines, causing them to extend their roots deep into the soil to find nutrients to survive. Talented winemaker Matt Dees makes extraordinary wines from these struggling vines."